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Nothing succeeds like success; 500,000 copies of the Grant memoirs have been sold so far to 20,000 of the Jeff Davis memoirs.

The latest thing that is laid to the door of the McKinley bill is our great snow storm. If it is a fact that the bill is responsible for this weather we shall vote the free trade ticket hereafter.

A SAN FRANCISCO speculator has bought the 100-foot chimneys of a smelter in that city for \$40,000, and also the slag pile. He intends to re-work the stuff and claims he can make over \$500,000 out of them.

They who credit Mr. Harrison with small ability either as a president or a politician are mistaken in their estimate. The Republican party has very few abler men than Benjamin Harrison.—New York World, Dem.

The people like small newspapers. The blanket sheet is cumbersome and a fraud on both reader and advertiser. The New York Sun is a four page seven column paper, compact and condensed in every respect, and it is one of the best papers in the country, and the plant is valued at \$5,000,000.

JOHN I. BLAIR, of Blairsville, N. J., is reputed to be worth all the way from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000. He has never sold a share of stock in any enterprise with which he has been associated, and has money invested in scores of railroads, some of which he absolutely controls.

The contracts for grading the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix railroad were let in Chicago Wednesday. B. Lantry & Sons, of Strong City, Kansas, secured the contract for grading the line from Ash Forks to Prescott. A contract for 20 miles of grade running out of Phoenix towards Prescott was also let. D. B. Robinson is president of the new road.

The Globe-Democrat makes the following pointed remark: "The mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., which is not a partisan institution, has collected statistics which show that twenty-five tin plate factories are now being constructed in this country, and that the capital invested aggregates \$3,000,000. This is gloomy news for the Democrats, but they will have to stand it."

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON has written a very strong letter to the president and faculty of Harvard University about the way in which the college is conducted. He says the institution does nothing toward looking after the students, allows them to have clubs in the college for the sale of liquors, allows them to be disorderly, and is not at all what it ought to be. Evidently Massachusetts should not throw stones at the west any longer.

DURING the discussion of the United States banking bill in congress some time in 1835 or 1836 John Randolph, of Roanoke, who was opposed to the passage of the bill, which was intended to establish a United States bank, said that he had discovered perpetual motion, and it was very simple, being the fact that—

"Paper makes money.  
Money makes banks,  
Banks make poverty,  
Poverty makes rags,  
Rags make paper,  
Paper makes money,  
Money makes banks,  
and so on forever and forever."

THERE was considerable hard talk on the street yesterday at the action of the Optic in retailing the Commercial club sheet at five cents apiece to all who wished to send copies away. As the sheet was got up for the express purpose of advertising the town, and paid for by the general funds

of the club, it was thought a very poor plan to allow any one to take a gift of that kind and make the public again pay for the papers. If it was a private speculation got up for that purpose by the publisher of the Optic no one would complain, but as an advertisement of the town by a "commercial" club that has already paid for the sheet, it does not reflect much credit on it if it allows its free donation to be abused in this way.

The sheet issued yesterday by the Commercial club full of cuts of the city was a very fine sheet, printed in Chicago, though nicknamed Optic supplement. Why it could not have been issued direct by the club itself is hard to say, unless it was to allow the Optic a chance to blow about its enterprise when it never set a line of type connected with it, probably never wrote a line in it or had a thing to do with it except to deliver it and brag about its enterprise. The whole affair was a straight out gift from the club to a paper which has, only a few weeks ago, taken great pains to give the club which has been backing it up a black eye, though taking from the club three-fourths of the income the club receives.

## P. O. DEFINITION OF LOTTERIES.

The rule applied in the consideration of a presumed lottery scheme is, whether the result is "dependent upon lot or chance." There can be no doubt that any scheme where prizes are distributed among the holders of chances, or tickets, as the result of a drawing, is a lottery within the meaning of the law. A regular lottery is generally conducted in this manner, and it would be manifestly unfair to permit a merchant to do what the ordinary lottery company cannot do.

A merchant advertises that every purchaser at his store up to a certain date will receive a numbered ticket entitling him to a chance in certain prizes. Previous to the distribution of tickets a number is selected at random, placed in an envelope and sealed. At the time stated the envelope is opened and the person holding the ticket bearing the corresponding number to the one in the envelope receives the prize. The result of this scheme is dependent entirely upon "chance," for the purchaser is not supposed to know the number placed in the envelope, nor can any skill or knowledge enable him to ascertain the fact by an actual or approximate calculation. The same principle would apply where the purchaser was allowed to guess the name of a certain president of the United States contained in a sealed envelope.

Again, a number of persons join what is known as a "watch club." Each member agrees to pay so much a week. A drawing is to occur weekly, and the member whose name is drawn receives his watch and withdraws from the club. This is repeated until all the members have drawn watches. A member's dues cease as soon as he draws, consequently one person receives a watch for, say, one dollar, while another pays only five dollars, and the last one possibly forty dollars. This is undoubtedly a scheme dependent upon lot or chance, for each person joining the club takes the chance of getting a watch, probably valued at forty or fifty dollars, for one, two, three or four dollars, etc. This same plan is used for "suit clubs," "overcoat clubs," etc.

The schemes that come within this law are numerous and varied. Many of them are of a local nature, and generally regarded as harmless in their character and effects. But the law vests no discretionary power in the postoffice department, nor does it make any distinction between lotteries for charitable or religious purposes and those conducted as a regular business. They must all be treated alike. The law denies them the use of the mails in the conduct and furtherance of their business. The department, however, does not desire to be unnecessarily harsh in the enforcement of this law, and newspapers are not detained on account of the advertisement of a "lottery" scheme, when it is evident that the publisher acted innocently in the matter, and without any intent to violate the law. But if, after due warning, the publisher repeats the offense, then his paper is denied admission to the mails.

A sealed letter can not, under the law and ruling of the courts, be withdrawn from the mails on mere suspicion that it contains lottery matter. (See Paragraph 2, Instructions to Postmasters under Lottery Act.) But the citizen is forbidden the use of the mails for forwarding lottery matter, which prohibition is morally upon him. Every person depositing a letter in the mails concerning a lottery is liable to prosecution under the penal clause of the law. Evidence is frequently obtained against offenders in various ways, and the citizen who transgresses this law should not be surprised if he is called upon by an officer of the law with a warrant.

Foreign lotteries frequently flood our mails with their circulars in sealed envelopes. Under a recent ruling of the secretary of the treasury, lottery tickets and lottery circulars and advertisements are liable to customs duties as "printed matter." Article 11 of the universal postal union treaty forbids the mailing of any article from one administration of the union to another, which under the laws of the country of destination is liable to customs duties, and as lottery tickets and lottery circulars and advertisements are dutiable, and are, therefore, unlawfully in the mails, they will be treated by customs officers as "forfeited goods." Under Section 621 P. L. & R. postmasters at exchange offices are authorized to stamp matter which they have good reason to believe contains dutiable articles, "Supposed Liable to Customs Duties." When a letter so indorsed reaches the office of destination, the postmaster must require the addressee to open it in the presence of the customs officer, or in the presence of himself if he has been designated for that purpose by the customs officer; and if lottery tickets or lottery circulars are found in the letter, it must be surrendered to the customs officer, or sent to him in a "penalty envelope." The practice of permitting the addressee to refuse the letter, after discovering the contents, is erroneous. The addressee's receipt for the letter makes the delivery complete, after which it is to be dealt with according to the regulations of the treasury department.

## MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.

The San Diego California Sun thus dilates upon a high-grade marriage that occurred in that vicinity recently:

We acknowledge a piece of hard-tack and corn cake. Miss Hole-in-the-Sock, daughter of Lane Antelope, and Mr. Left Hand acted as the bridesmaid and groom. Old Man Afraid-of-the-Devil, the medicine man of the tribe, performed the ceremony in an impressive manner, his touching advice to the newly-wedded pair bathing in tears cheeks which had not felt the dampening influence of water for years. Altogether it was one of the most recherche affairs which has agitated aboriginal circles since Roaring Bull had his toe cut off by a barley mowing machine five years ago.

The presents were rich and costly, consisting in part as follows: Receipt for curing the twitch from Mr. and Mrs. Broken-Legged Beaver; two cans of cove oysters from the bride's brevet mother; pair of soldier drawers from a Colton friend to the groom; plug of Hanna's navy plug tobacco from Mr. and Mrs. Boil-on-the-Neck; Ayer's Almanac for 1776 from a San Bernardino friend; box Sedlitz powders from Mr. Whop-jawed-William; a pint of peanuts from Mr. and Mrs. Carry-me-home-to-die of the Rialto sand dunes; half a dozen corn plasters from Mr. and Mrs. Spike-tail-hog; kindest regards from Mr. and Mrs. Traveling Bear; a few small potatoes from Hamilton B. Cicero of the Consolidated Precincts; a photograph of the editor of the Riverside Press from himself; a bottle of castor oil decorated with red ribbon from Sore-toed-Jim; a pickled pig's foot from Mr. and Mrs. Go-there-Yourself; an ear syringe from Peg-leg Lazarus; promise of some spare ribs next hog killing from Mrs. Woman-with-the-Wild-Jaw. And thus ended the matrimonial dance of the Yumas.

The most valuable book on the market now is the "Story of Man." It treats on this subject from the creation to the present day. D. E. Robbins, agent, East Side postoffice.

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